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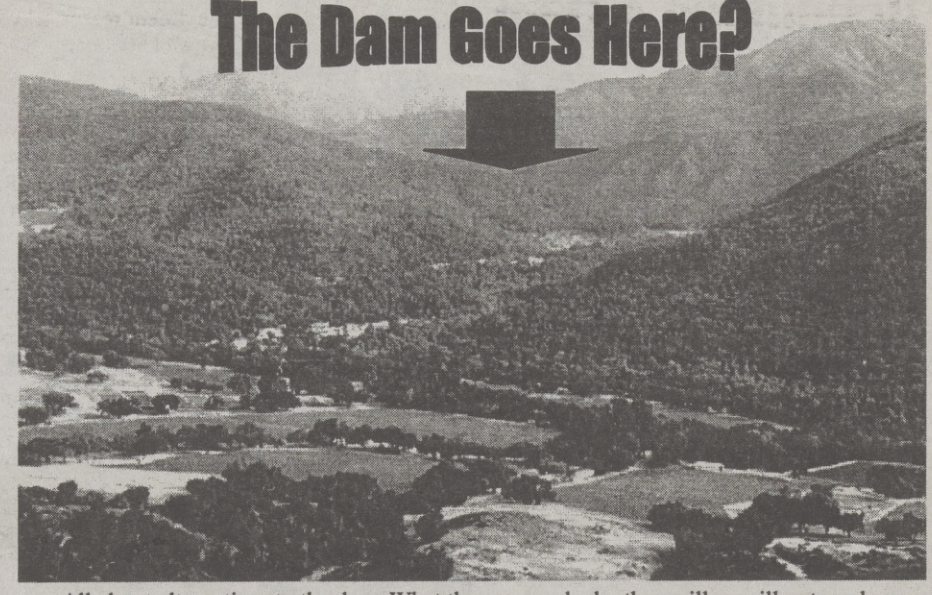

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LETTERS

Rethinking A Dam

Dear Editor:

Having been an avid dam backer for 30 years, I have become a not so avid dam backer.

The scene was the Galante Vineyards Summer Sounds Series and what a setting! Looking down across Cachagua and up the Valley toward the Los Padres Dam - a truly magnificent view!

Then someone pointed to where the new Dam would be located and I was truly shocked by the immensity of the project. It will create a huge gray wall just south of the Cachagua area forever hiding the upper valley views to residents and visitors. There has to be a decent alternative.

1. Eastwood's holding lake. I'll never understand why his kind offer was so summarily dismissed. I can't think of a single project on the Peninsula in which Clint was involved that the residents and public haven't benefited.
2. Desalination. There is no good reason not to have at least a 5000 acre foot/year plant. This may someday be the only source of additional water for us, so we should be advancing that technology now.
3. Remove the fill behind the two current dams. They could probably hold 25% to 35% more water than they currently hold and the fill could be used to construct earth dams on Eastwood's property or on Robinson Canyon south of the Valley. It sure beats hauling millions of yards of cement for a new dam.
4. Pipeline from San Luis Reservoir. Apparently, our county supervisors had the lack of vision when they turned down this water supply when it was originally offered. Why should all that beautiful Northern California water be pumped over the Tehachapes to that wasteland to the south? If you can give me one decent reason why Los Angeles water bills should be half of what it costs us on the Central Coast with rationing, I'd love to hear it.

All or part of the above alternatives would more than provide the 10,000 acre feet we are illegally draining from the Carmel River acquirer at substantially less cost than the present dam plans.

A little serious thoughtful reflection by our elected representatives should solve our water problems without ruining the magnificent upper Carmel Valley.

And, by the way, the music, food, wine, and setting at Galante's was par excellence. What a host!

James Cowley
Carmel Valley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tularcitos Fall Festival

The Tularcitos Fall Festival will be held on October 4, 1997 from 11a.m.-4 p.m. at the school, which is located at 35 Ford Road in Carmel Valley. The event is sponsored by the Tularcitos Elementary School Parent Club and will include game and food booths, prizes, a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Tularcitos Elementary School.

Chili Judges

The panel of judges that will choose the winner of the 4th annual "Great Bowls of Fire" Chili Cook-Off on Monday, September 22 have been announced. Chili Cook-Off entrants can begin the schmoozing of chef Wendy Brodie, hospitality industry consultant Bob Bussinger, restaurateur Josse Diaz, Carmel Valley Fire Captain Jeff Frye, and businessman Randy Randazzo.

Tickets are $15 which includes tasting the chili entries prepared by chamber members, salad bar and dessert. Entertainment will be by the Cachagua Playboys. The event will be held at Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley from 5-8p.m. and is sponsored by the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 659-4000.

Big Sur Advisory Council Meeting

The Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council will hold a meeting, chaired by Congressman Sam Farr, on September 12 at 10 a.m. at the Big Sur Lodge Conference Center in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Topics to be discussed include an update on the Pt. Sur Naval Facility, the Pfeiffer Beach Rehabilitation Project, a status report on the county's recently adopted short term rental ordinance, and updates on the proposed Timber Harvest Plans for Palo Colorado and Mill Creek, Scenic Byways Program, Caltrans Call Boxes, removal of exotic plants, and reports from member agencies. The meeting is open to the public.

Art & Wine Festival

The Barnyard in Carmel will host the 8th Annual Art and Wine Festival on September 27th from noon to 4 p.m. The event will showcase over 10 Monterey Wine Country Associates, hors d'oeuvre booths, artists creating art at the event and a CD release and live performance by local pianist Jonathan Lee.

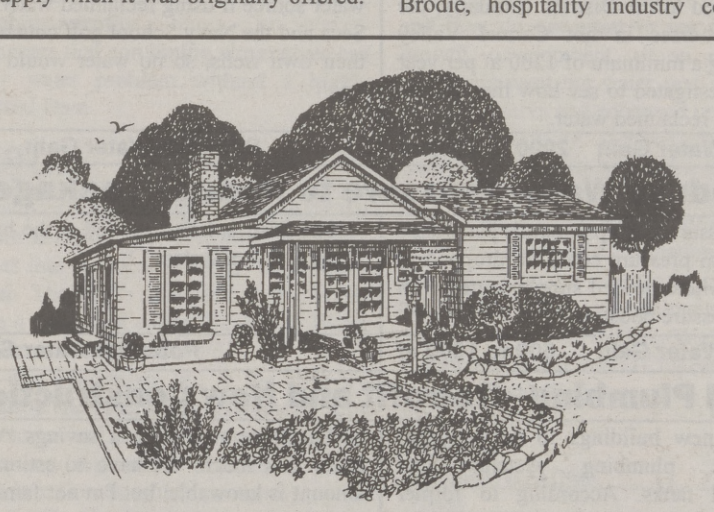
Proceeds will benefit the Monterey Museum of Art's Museum on Wheels program.

Public Access TV

Access Monterey Peninsula is seeking individuals to serve on its initial Board of Directors. The Board will establish the policies that will guide community cable television production in creating local programming by, for and about Monterey and the Monterey area.

This local nonprofit corporation is being formed to manage the public, educational and governmental access channel(s) on the local cable system. Board members selected will be expected to attend at least one board meeting and one committee meeting each month during the twelve months start-up period.

To receive a Board application with more information call 646-3760. Applications must be completed and returned to the City of Monterey by October 3, 1997.



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Dam Alternatives

Will Combining 10 Alternatives Solve the Water Problem Without a Dam?

After receiving numerous requests, The Sun reprints the following article on dam alternatives by David Dilworth first published on May 1, 1997. (© David Dilworth) To make things more interesting The Sun solicited and have included comments on this article included on the following page and on the back page. Thank you to all that contributed.

By David Dilworth

Dam opponents complain the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has not looked seriously at combining all the water supply and use reduction alternatives. Elected Directors complain about some alternatives individually, but they are generally silent about combining alternatives to avoid a Dam.

Here we examine whether 10 alternatives combined **as a system** could relieve the Peninsula's perennial water shortage without resorting to the bitter controversy of a Dam.

As we found out - alternatives including the purchase of water from Ft.Ord and system leakage have not been examined. Others such as progressive rate schedules and dual plumbing have generated no estimates of the potential water benefit.

To examine the benefit of alternatives we first need to know how much water is needed. So we find out how much water we use, then subtract how much we can legally pump. The answer is how much water we need to either produce or free up from the existing water "budget." (All numbers are in acre feet of water "af".)

How much do we use? In 1994, all of us in the Monterey Peninsula Water District used about 15,000 af, and a little less - about 13,000 af in 1995. We'll use the larger number (15,000 af) to make this harder on the alternatives.

But we could have used more water. Our legal Monterey Peninsula Water Allocation Limit is 17,619 af. We can no longer legally use 10,730 af of Carmel River Water because of the State Water Resources Control Board

Will Combining 10 Alternatives Solve Our Water Problem?

Alternatives Supporters (David Dilworth)	Water District Position
Retrofit existing water appliances with their water-saving counterparts.	
Based on 1991 figures, then Water District Manager Jim Cofer estimated that 2160 af/yr could be saved. As a small penalty for its illegal pumping over the decades, shouldn't Cal-Am be required to underwrite this expense?	The District has no new estimate of the water savings. (Ed note: They have not prepared any analysis to refute their former Manager's estimate of 2160 af.) "We've achieved 80 af in savings and with Cal-Am's matching program should realize an additional 80 af.
Potential Water Gain 2100 af	**Potential Water Gain 160 af**
Progressive Rate Schedule (More Water Use = Higher Cost)	
Establish an increasing rate schedule where charges for essential water are low but rates for exorbitant water are significant, even severe. Authority for mandating this rests with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In 1995 Dam supporters argued the CPUC would never grant such permission. However in the Fall of 1996 the CPUC granted exactly such a rate schedule. How much water is being saved is yet to be established.	The Water District has done no analysis on how much water this might save. The CPUC considers this "experimental." Cal-American Water Company will estimate potential water savings in a few weeks.
Potential Water Gain 500 to 1500 af	**Potential Water Gain ?**
Pump more Water from the Seaside Paralta well.	
Its potential without danger of overdraft could be 4000 af yr. (Editorial note: The Seaside basin's water table in the 1950's was above sea level. It is now down at about 300 feet below sea level - making current, let alone additional, pumping of the Seaside basin probably un-sustainable.	In 1990, the District estimated 500 to 1000 af of water might be available from the Seaside Basin from various methods including spreading out the pumping.
Potential Water Gain 500 to 1000 af	**Potential Water Gain 500 to 1000 af**
Dredge existing Los Padres & San Clemente Dams	
The two existing Dams have lost 2500 af of capacity. According to Cal-Am VP Larry Foy speaking to Carmel's Soroptomists in October 1995 - "Dredging the dams and selling the material from the Dams can be done ***at a profit***." (Emphasis added.) After the Dam was voted down, Mr Foy paid for a study to tell him it would be too expensive to dredge. The State Water Board has ruled the San Clemente Dam must be dredged (1500 af to gain) whether the proposed Dam is built or not. A Swiss Dam is reportedly self-dredging.	"Cost is a factor in dredging." If you could clean the dams out there would be 2400 af of storage.
Potential Water Gain **Los Padres Dam - 900 af** **San Clemente Dam - 1500 af** **Combined - 2400 af**	**Potential Water Gain** **Los Padres Dam - 800 af** **San Clemente Dam - 1600 af** **Combines - 2400 af**

Alternatives Supporters	Water District Position
Buying Fort Ord's Water Rights	
The 2800-6600 af of water rights at Ft. Ord could be obtained by the District from the Army/Department of Defense at low to zero cost. The Peninsula's water shortage is a critical, urgent problem. Ft Ord reuse is neither. About 1/3 of the proposed re-use of Ft. Ord is within the District's boundaries.	"Don't know if Department of Defense is a willing seller." Some of the 6600 af is guaranteed to CSUMB. There aren't any pipes connecting the Army's wells to the Peninsula's water system.
Potential Water Gain 2000 to 6600 af	**Potential Water Gain ?**
Require area golf courses to use reclaimed water	
Each Peninsula golf course uses a minimum of 200 af of water per year, some use 350 af per year or more. There is no reason the Laguna Seca and Navy School golf courses shouldn't be using reclaimed water - and the 500 - 600 af of well water rights returned to the District. Similarly, the four golf courses in hot Carmel Valley (representing a minimum of 1200 af per year must be investigated to see how they can be set up to use reclaimed water.	PG Golf Course & Cemetery could free up 100 af. The (Hyatt) Old Del Monte Golf Course could free up 150 af. The two Fort Ord Golf Courses could free up a combined 400 af. The Carmel Valley golf courses might contaminate our drinking water source if using reclaimed water. Laguna Seca and the Navy School golf courses all use their own wells, so no water would be freed up.
Potential Water Gain 2000 to 2350 af	**Potential Water Gain 650 af**
Reduce Water Pressure to Reduce Leakage	
Current pressure is 80 psi (ponds per square inch). System pressure could be dropped to 60 psi and where needed supplemented with localized pressure boosters.	"The District hasn't looked at the hydraulics of the Cal-Am system"
Potential Water Gain 500 to 1500 af	**Potential Water Gain ?**
Dual Plumbing - Retrofit and New Construction	
Require new buildings to be equipped with dual plumbing systems and underground tanks. According to former Water District Director Woody Woodworth, the roof on a home of 2000 sq.ft. could be designed to capture at least 10,000 gallons of water per year during winter - spring rainfalls. At 1.6 gallons per flush, that should be enough for a year's worth of flushes.	"Yes there would be a savings. We don't know how much. We have no estimates. The amount is knowable, but I'm not familiar with the literature." Irvine Ranch (south of LA) was designed with dual plumbing from the first drawings.
Potential Water Gain 1000 to 3000 af	**Potential Water Gain ?**
Seaside Well Injection & Recovery	
Pumping Water out of the Carmel River during winter rains and forcing it into the Seaside underground basin. Then pumping it out in the late summer and fall.	
Potential Water Gain 1500 af	**Potential Water Gain 1500 af**
No Dam, No Desal Alternatives Combined - Total:	
Potential Water Gain12,500- 22,450+af	**Potential Water Gain 5150 - 5650 af**
Desalination	
Rent or purchase a Desalination plant of 1000-3000 af/yr to be maintained for operation only on a standby basis. Any size from 1,000, 3,000 to 5,000 af is possible.	"We're constrained by beach sand - not pipes." Up to three to five thousand af per year is possible.
Potential Water Gain 1000 to 3000 af	**Potential Water Gain 3000 to 5000 af**
No Dam Alternatives - Total:	
Potential Water Gain 13,500 -23,450af	**Potential Water Gain 8150 - 10,650 af**

1995 decision. So we subtract that from the legal limit.

Water we are permitted to legally use: 17,619 af. Water we can no longer legally use: 10,730 af. Water we can legally pump: 6,889 af. Water we have to come up with somehow: 1994 Peninsula Water Use 15,000 af. Water we can legally pump 6,889 af.

Shortfall 8,111af

This means we need about 8,100 acre feet of water to solve our water problem.

The information from the Water District comes from an interview with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Manager, Darby Fuerst and documents on file at the District.

We need 8000 af of water. According to the Water District, combining alternatives will get us a minimum of some 5,000 acre feet and maybe as much as 5,600 af of water (5600 is 70% of 8111). That's without a Dam, without a Desalination plant, without fixing system leakage, with zero benefit from the new charges for exorbitant water use - and without rationing!

By adding a 3000 af Desalination plant we could get our needed 8,000 acre feet of water - and a little extra.

Adding up the potential water benefit from reasonable alternate estimates gives us a minimum of 12,500 af. That's 50% more water than we need today.

If the highest alternative estimates are used - we could realize an additional 25,000 af - about two times more water than we need. When this much surplus can be potentially realized, none of the combined alternatives need to be maximized. Perhaps we'd decide to only dredge half the dams or require half the dual plumbing retrofits.

So it appears that combining alternatives can solve our water problem without a highly controversial Dam.

Update:

As a result of Cal-Am applying to build the Dam, there are now 60 identified Non-Dam alternatives that could provide our community with water. The list is available at the Water District in a document called "Matrix of Water Supply Alternatives" dated 9/3/97.

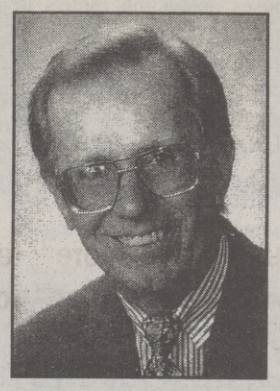
Twenty-one alternatives are in the category "Conservation and Reclamation." Only three of those 21 have had the barest of superficial analysis or any data about how much water would result in benefit to the community.

Another eight involve buying water rights such as those from Ft. Ord and Rancho San Carlos. Four of those have never been analyzed.

As a community we are making progress to having alternatives fairly and thoroughly analyzed, but we are still a long way from having enough information to make any decisions.

WHAT DID YOU THINK?

Comments by Larry Foy, V.P. and Manager of Cal-Am to the right and many, many more on the back page.



Can Alternatives to the Dam Solve our Water Problem? - No.

By Larry D. Foy - V.P. & Manager, California-American Water Company

Opponents of Cal-Am's proposed Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project argue incorrectly that the alternatives have not been properly examined. In fact, numerous alternatives have been examined in depth over the past 20 years primarily through the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement done by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) on its proposed New Los Padres Dam Project. The District's voters rejected the funding of the District's NLP Project through a bond issue. Following the voter's rejection of the District's funding of the NLP Project, Cal-Am canvassed approximately 16,000 of its Monterey Peninsula ratepayers. From that canvass, Cal-Am learned that the District's effort to publicly fund its project was rejected by the voters because the District's proposed NLP Project had a growth element and it did not go far enough to protect the environment.

The various alternatives to a dam were further examined over a four-year period in hearings held before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), in which various alternatives, and combinations of alternatives, were again reviewed in depth by the SWRCB, this time through a public participation hearing process. The SWRCB determined the water in the Carmel Valley was subject to the jurisdiction of the state as it was declared as underflow (a continuation of the river) and not a percolating aquifer. As a result, the public trust doctrine came into play and the SWRCB determined the community was using 10,730 AF of water, more than it had a valid right of permit to do so.

In 1996, the SWRCB issued Decision No. 1632 which provided permits for the construction of a 24,000 AF reservoir on the Carmel River. On the same date, the SWRCB also issued Order No. 95-10 directing Cal-Am to cut production from the Carmel Valley by 20% and to find a water supply that would replace the 10,730 AF, since the community had rejected the financing issue proposed by the MPWMD. Some claimed that this vote was a vote against the dam. However, Cal-Am's canvass of the community led to the conclusion that the community is interested in a solution to the long-term water supply problem. Our ratepayers want to see the deficit of 10,730 AF replaced and they do not want to see any water from the reservoir used for growth, development, or an increase in the water allocation. Our ratepayers want the water that was set aside for growth to be used as drought reserve and enhanced protection for the environment.

Cal-Am took all of these ideas into account when it proposed the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project. In this Carmel River Dam Project we eliminated any water for increased allocation. All surplus water is set aside for drought protection and environmental mitigation.

There is much misinformation around about what the actual shortfall of water within our community is and how much water is truly needed to balance that deficit. The following tables attempt to respond:

ANNUAL WATER PRODUCTION

Authorized by MPWMD Current Allocation Program:	17,641 AF
Cal-Am Water Right	
Pre - 1914	< 1,137>
Riparian	< 60 >
License No. 11866	< 2,179>
Total	< 3,386 AF >
	14,265 AF
Available from Seaside Aquifer	4,000
Shortfall	**10,265 AF**

Where does the community stand in the 1996-97 water year? We use 17,018 AF. That places the community under the approved allocation by the MPWMD of 17,641 AF. However, we are above the temporary allowance authorized by the SWRCB.

Therefore, the conclusion drawn by the state and federal agencies and Cal-Am about the one project that solves all of the concerns, dilemmas and the requirements established by the SWRCB is a medium-sized reservoir of 24,000 AF capacity on the Carmel River. That is what Cal-Am has proposed in its applications to the Army Corps of Engineers, the SWRCB, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and the MPWMD. That is what is being examined today in a Supplemental EIR, with emphasis on the items addressed by the court, along with any significant new alternatives since the original EIR/EIS. No alternative project and no combination of such alternatives can possibly provide a solution to the water supply and the environmental issues.

The CPUC is presently conducting a series of public workshops, of which five have been held and another scheduled for late September at the Hyatt House. They are reexamining a matrix of 79 alternative projects. David Dilworth has recently reviewed ten of those projects in The Sun. Our brief analysis of those ten alternatives follows:

WILL COMBINING 10 ALTERNATIVES SOLVE OUR WATER PROBLEM?

Cal-Am Position

Retrofit existing water appliances with their water-saving counterparts.

Cal-Am concurs with the District's position and has participated in the program by contributing $164,000 to the Toilet Replacement Program at $100 per unit.

Potential Water Saving: 160 AF

Progressive Rate Schedule (More Water Use = Higher Cost)

January 1, 1997 - Cal-Am's new progressive rates went into effect. Customers using more than 16 units (11,968 gallons per month) will pay at 200% of the normal rate to produce conservation savings. With this water conservation plan becoming effect during a dry year, the potential savings is still undetermined.

Potential Water Gain: Unknown

Pump more Water from the Seaside Paralta well.

Cal-Am is participating with the MPWMD on the hydraulic study of the basin to see if there is additional water above sea level for pumpage.

Potential Water Gain: 500 to 1,000 AF

Buying Fort Ord's Water Rights

FORA, the jurisdiction in charge of the conversion of Fort Ord, has allocated all of the 6,600 AF. There is a need for additional water in Fort Ord for it to meet the demands of the existing plan. Therefore there is no water available from that basin. There is also prohibition against inter-basin transfers.

Potential Water Gain: 0 AF

Dredging existing Los Padres and San Clemente Dams

Dredging of the two Cal-Am reservoirs has been studied extensively. The maximum yield capacity that could be obtained is 1,993 AF at a cost of at least $30 Million. However, perhaps the greater impact would be on the lives of all individuals living in the Carmel Valley due to 235,000 truck loads, or 15 trucks per hour working 10-hour days, 6 days per weeks, for almost five years to dispose of the sedimentation.

Potential Water Gain 1,993 AF

Require all Peninsula Golf Courses to use Reclaimed Water

P.G. Golf Course and the cemetery could be made part of the Reclamation Program (presently under study) freeing up about 100 AF. Old Del Monte Golf Course potential is 150 AF. Fort Ord Golf Course is supplied from the Salinas basin under the control of FORA and not part of the Cal-Am system.

Potential Water Saving: 250 AF

Reduce Water Pressure to Reduce Leakage

The CPUC, under the general orders, requires a minimum pressure of 40 pounds and a maximum 120 pounds. Normal system operating pressures are from 60 to 80 pounds. The leakage, or unaccounted for water, within the system is within 5% and 6%; the national average is 15%. The Cal-Am system consists of numerous pressures and gradient zones and is presently being supplied at the required pressures.

Potential Water Saving: 0 AF

Dual Plumbing - Retrofit and New Construction

The installation of cisterns could be done, and is being done, on a voluntary basis. However, it is not mandatory by any of the jurisdictions. It could produce a potential savings; however, the use of grey water is controlled by the Department of Health Services. So, it is unknown presently if additional savings could be obtained.

Potential Water Gain: Unknown

Seaside Well Injection & Recovery

Cal-Am concurs with the potential savings of 500-1,500 AF. The program is under study by MPWMD and Cal-Am.

Potential Water Gain: 500-1,500 AF

No-Dam, No Desalination Alternatives Combined -Total

Doing nothing is not possible.

Potential Water Gain: 3203-4903 AF

Desalination

MPWMD contracted to do additional studies on desalination in 1996. The consultant determined that no more than a 6,000 AF plant could be built along the coast with a yield of 4,000 AF. However, it would be cost-prohibitive at a capital cost excess of $2,000 an acre foot, compared to approximately $1,150 for a reservoir project. It was determined by their board that desal was not a feasible alternative, and it was rejected by the voters.

Potential Water Gain: 4,000 AF

No-Dam Alternatives - Total:

Potential Water Gain: 7203-8903 AF

Although a combination of alternatives could produce as much as 7203-8903 AF, the cost projections would be far in excess of that of a reservoir and the cost per acre foot, and the impact on the Cal-Am ratepayers. Desal is at a cost $22 Million and dredging at a cost of $30 Million; total: $52 Million - with a life of 20 years. Therefore, alternatives have been deemed unfeasible alternatives.

ARCHITECTURE & COMMUNITY

The Glass House

By Neal Owen Kruse

The Enchanted Land – Part Two

(Continued from last week…)

As the new civilization of the new country to which the Enchanted Land belonged grew and prospered, its people became more and more dependent on their government and its institutions instead of on each other. Combined with the fact that families and friends had less time together as more of their lives were consumed by the eight and ten hour work day, the loving, communal bonds between people that lived near each other began to dissolve. With less of the warmth and trust of the hometown community to make people want to stay where they were born and raised, they increasingly explored other parts of the country to see if there wasn't somewhere else they'd rather live.

This, along with the increased mobility that came with the automobile and the cheaper cost of travel, all contributed to people moving more often and becoming more selective about where they moved. With the new technology of the Internet and office connectivity, many who were tired of the traffic and crowds of the bigger cities could move to quieter, smaller towns and still conduct business.

When these increasing numbers of explorers looking for new places to live came and saw the Enchanted Land with its perfect weather, it's beautiful and fertile hills and valleys and it's incredible coastline, it was hard to imagine a more perfect home.

As more and more of them moved there, the value of the land and the homes began to increase faster than in other places in the country. This constant increase in the value of property was so steady and reliable, that they began to expect it. Soon, not only was the Enchanted Land a desirable place to live because of its scenic wonders, it now had the additional advantage of financial gain through the increasing value of its real estate.

This, in turn, brought new businesses and corporations to the area that knew how to market and develop larger and larger pieces of property. These businesses would then advertise and invest in marketing to draw even more people to the area to ensure a greater demand for their homes and subdivisions.

Pretty soon the Enchanted Land was one of the fastest growing areas in the whole country. This, of course, had a wonderful affect on the economy, making it an even more attractive place to live.

As many of the new businesses and corporations in the new civilization amassed very large amounts of money, they needed to convert their currency into something of value for tax and investment purposes. The appreciation of property and home values in the Enchanted Land made this the ideal place to buy real estate. The investments were so lucrative and secure, they didn't even bother moving into the houses or finding renters to inhabit them. It was enough to just own them.

Another group, the shrinking but ever more wealthy upper class, not only liked what happened to their money when they invested in the Enchanted Land, they also wanted to have one of their many "vacation" homes located there so they or their friends could spend a few days or weeks in paradise without having to book a hotel room.

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As more wealthy businesses and individuals bought homes for investment purposes and as vacation properties, subtle changes began to occur in the residential neighborhoods. More of the homes went unlived in for longer periods of time. Some neighborhoods had so many empty houses they were beginning to look like ghost towns. And the people who did live in the neighborhoods would only be there a year or two before buying nicer homes in a different neighborhood or leaving the area altogether.

As the residential districts emptied out or became filled with strangers who didn't know each other, the once unique, artistic, grassroots communities of artists, farmers and avant-garde thinkers who had created the complimentary culture and architecture of the area, began to loose their influence and fade into memory.

Against the backdrop of this dwindling community of residents, those who worked the shops, restaurants and offices of the business districts began to appear a much stronger and more active community. Yet often their concerns were not quite the same as those who lived there and raised families. They too, like the corporations, were slightly more inclined to think of short-term monetary gain.

At election time, since more of the votes came from the new residents who had bought land because of its value, politicians who catered to the wealthy and to the business interests won more often than those who were concerned for the more intangible qualities of the neighborhood communities and the land. Zoning laws and regulations, designed to protect neighborhoods and the "residential" quality of the area were seen as stumbling blocks to the maximization of land values and commercial profit.

The vanishing communities of loving and close people who once lived in the Enchanted Land, were replaced by strangers more interested in profit than quality of life. The warm, familiar groups of families and friends who had come to know each other over the years while caring for each other's children and sharing their good times and bad times, were vanishing. There were fewer and fewer old timers left to tell stories of the magic of this cherished land of paradise in its early days before the freeways and before the dams. Yet, as time passed, even those who bought land for investment purposes were beginning to wonder about the speed of change around them.

Eventually, so many people wanted to move to the Enchanted Land, and so many new projects were being built to house them, that many people who had come to love it's beauty and natural grandeur began to wonder if the rapidly increasing population in the area could keep on growing indefinitely.

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OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

Reclaimed Water On Food?

We should all feel sorry for San Diego, which is so anxious to expand its population, even though it hasn't enough water, that it is going to add reclaimed sewage water to its municipal supply. We're more civilized here. We're just going to use it to grow vegetables in the Salinas Valley, and our farmers are really enthused about expanding markets in Asia.

Heck, right here in Marina, part of the Salinas Valley, I am going to give up eating fresh vegetables grown with reclaimed sewage. My suggestion, at policy meetings, to label vegetables grown with reclaimed water, was ignored, so I'll just have to give up eating artichokes, for example. Are customers in Asia expected to be less particular?

But, now we have the publicity about some exotic diseases, like E. Coli, and the possibility of lawsuits, which can be terribly expensive. This before consideration of reclaimed water. So, after spending millions of dollars on sewage effluent reclaiming and distribution systems in the Salinas Valley, nobody dares to put the systems to use.

However, it's heartwarming to know that we are studying the feasibility of building, at great expense, a huge cover over the refined effluent holding pond, so that bird droppings won't contaminate it. Perhaps some sort of radar warning system could also be installed to warn birds to not drop anything while flying over the vegetable fields themselves.

Meanwhile, I'm going to write to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who helped me bust up a Medicare over-billing racket in Salinas. I need an official to back my request to the Nobel Committee in Oslo to try to get the Peace Prize for Art Hoppe, who writes for the Chronicle. Hoppe made the discovery that U.S. foreign policy is very similar to the Kevorkian Plan.

Many people in foreign countries spend whole lifetimes suffering from hunger and other privations. Our foreign policy, dedicated to a constant process of shipping late-model military equipment and money and expertise to these countries so these people can eradicate each other, means less suffering, in the long run, according to Hoppe. He says, under our country's Kevorkian Plan, we have shipped more than $40 billion worth of bombs, rockets, mines, guns and other lethal weapons to keep 45 different wars going, most of them between hunger-ridden countries.

Nightlife

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Southern Cross runs amok in Monterey this weekend: Friday at Monterey Billiards and Saturday at BlueFin Billiards.

Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

O.K. so you've heard us mention the band **Southern Cross** on a few occasions but you haven't seen them yet. Well you're friggin blowing it. They are Troy Dixon (lead vocals, percussion), Jonathan Rafetto (guitar, vocals), Stuart Orlinsky (guitar, vocals), John Bunt (upright and electric bass), Cooley (Afro/Cuban Percussion), and John Golson on drums. Clinically they are rock and roll with a mix of folk and blues, underscored by Latin rhythms. They hail from Santa Barbara, and like Iguana Jive, Vegas De Milo, and The Uninvited, have made Monterey a regular stop on their touring schedule. The Santa Barbara Independent newspaper nominated them as one of the best unsigned bands in SB, so as Bill would say "they've got that going for them." Well here's a little heavier artillery, "It's like acoustic music on steroids-really rocking..." - Los Angeles Times. Now I've got your attention. You can see them at Monterey Billiards (show time 9:30) on Friday or at Bluefin Billiards on Saturday from 9:00 until Carl and the gang kick you out.

The acoustic duo **Dogwood Moon** is making its Monterey debut at Monterey Billiards this Saturday. Their new CD features a song on the Quentin Terantino movie due out this fall. In my absence of more information on Dogwood, if Quentin likes them... Well, something like that. I just wish he'd stick to directing and stay off the screen. Settle down junior. Remember the Pulp Fiction soundtrack? People, the man has got good taste in tunes. There's a **Storm Warning** on the horizon. That's right, lil' Storm Nilson is opening the night at Monterey Billiards for the aforementioned Southern Cross this Friday from 7-9:00. Fresh off sucking his thumb, the fourteen year old blues guitar prodigy knows how to play. This is no joke you six stringers. He chews up and spits out most axesmiths two and three times his age. Tonight **The Monterey Peninsula Jazz Orchestra** returns to the Billiard Hall on at 8:30. If you haven't seen them you should.

Here's a rundown of the weeks events at Viva's. Tonight it's **ABL** featuring Tommy Ayers, Friday **New Son Born**, and Saturday **The Volcano Brothers**. Since Franklin Street Bar and Grill closed its door several months ago we haven't heard much from the Volcano's, except an occasional gig now and then. They are one of Monterey County's best cover bands, playing rock and blues favorites. Monday through Wednesday it's **Randy Baldwin**, **Mockingbird**, and **Unpluggable Race** respectively.

I know you've heard me yap over the last several weeks about the **Dizzy Burnett** Quartet, but it's for your own good. This Santa Cruz crooner delivers an excellent performance of traditional jazz standards for the modern lounge martini set. I never knew a person could do those sort of maneuvers with an upright bass. That things bigger than she is! Show time Thursday from 9:00-12:00. Also at The Bluefin, don't forget **Iguana Jive** on Friday. You jam rockers will love these guys. They really open it up. Show time 9:00.

Commencing countdown engines on! Next Wednesday is the debut of Planet Gemini's Rock Night. One of the defining bands of the eighties "New Wave" sound, **Missing Persons** will headline the show. Yes Dale Bozio the lead singer with the funky, slinky, Bladerunneresque outfits will be fronting the group. You know they'll be performing their top ten hits, "Walking In LA" and "What Are Words For". **Mockingbird** will do a set before and after Missing Persons and will be the weekly house band. This should be an extremely fun and nostalgic show. Will it be packed? Count on it. I'm not sure if The Planet is selling advance tickets, but I'd get one if they are. Mockingbird will be joined by Planet co-owner Anthony Lane on guitar. Along With Steve and Mary Kay Kramer, and brothers Charlie and TJ on the drums an bass respectively, Mockingbird will certainly rip. Show time is 8:30, $10 cover. This weeks comedy relief at Planet Gemini is the ticket of **Jaz Kaner** and **Dan Bradley**. In 1980 Kaner began his career in his hometown of Honolulu as a performer in the Don Ho show. He is currently on Prime Ticket's summer surf series "H30". Since moving to the west coast in 1982 he has appeared on A&E, FOX, Showtime, ABC, The Comedy Channel, and MTV. He has two top ten finishes, out of a field of two hundred comics, at the prestigious San Francisco Comedy Competition. He has worked with Dennis Miller, George Carlin, Roseanne, Dangerfield, Leno, and Seinfeld among others. "He makes Robin Williams look like a dead man." - Jackie Mason. Dan Bradley is awaiting his first national television appearance on Jay Leno's Tonight Show, and has appeared at prestigious comedy clubs from coast to coast. Show times are 9-10:30 Thursday through Saturday, with danceable R&B and Rock cover tunes by **Foreign Exchange** after the weekend shows.

Steve Moseley, the talented guitarist of

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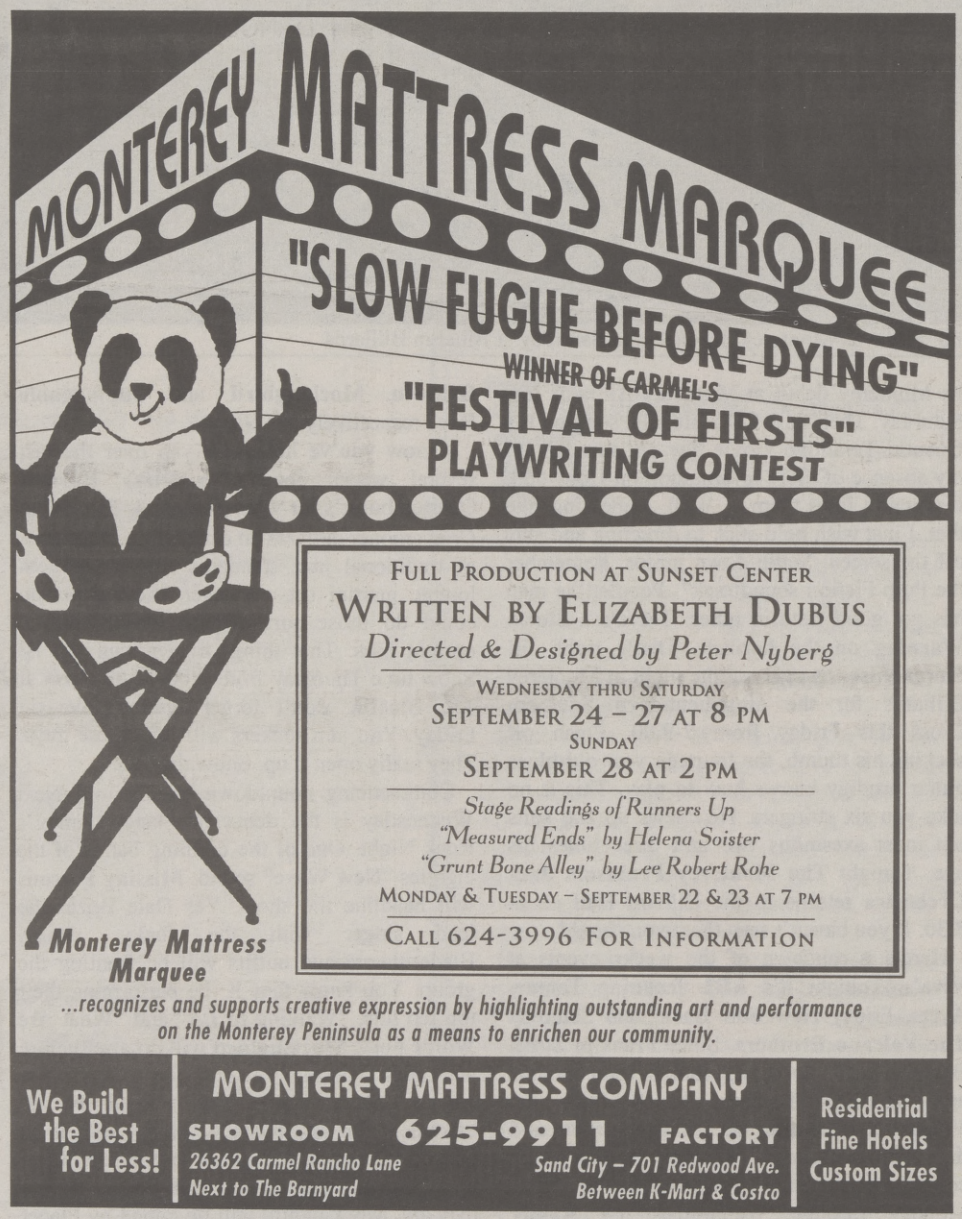
Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	Dizzy Burnett Quartet 9 - 12	"Iguana Jive" 9-1	"Southern Cross" 9-1	Military Night 1/2 Price Pool w/ ID
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"I-Groove"	"Terry Hanck"	Johnny Nitro "1 Year Anniversary"	Closed
McGarrett's 646-9244	DJ Donna	DJ Donna, Techno & Live Music	DJ Mikey, Techno & Live Music	Closed
Monterey Billiards 641-0260	"The Monterey Peninsula Jazz Orchestra" return - 8:30pm	"Storm Warning" featuring Storm Nilson 7-9pm "Southern Cross" 9:30pm	"Dogwood Moon" 9:30pm	$5/ hour pool 1/2 off Bud Beer – all day & all night!
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30 with Jaz Kaner and Dan Bradley - $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with Jaz Kaner and Dan Bradley - $6	Comedy 9-10:30 with Jaz Kaner and Dan Bradley - $8	Gruppa OASIS w/ special guest Alvaro Torres $15 cover
Viva Monterey 646-1415	A.B.L. featuring Tom Ayres - 9:30pm	"New Son Born" - 9:30pm	"Volcano Brothers" - 9:30pm	Viva Jams! Starts at 4pm. Followed by...DJ Matty's Eclectic Review.
Whitey's Place 646-8383	Jam Session with Joe Lucido & Friends - 9pm	"The Karma Band" - 9:30pm Rock-n-Roll	"Human Doings" - 9:30pm Disco & Rock	Satellite Sports Interactive 5pm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Around Town

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Human Doings, called me the other day to announce their one-year anniversary party at Whitey's this Saturday. My, is he a busy boy. The Human Doings first gig was a battle of the bands at Whitey's where they took second. Hungry for more, they came in first at the next competition. Moseley describes The Doings as one third funk disco, one third rock, and one third originals. Scott Free, from Sacramento, is the primary songwriter of the quartet. Formerly known as the Scott Free band, they had a cut entitled "Who Do You Think You Are" included on Sacramento's 93 Rocks local band compilation CD. Moseley also happens to be the guitarist in the **Karma Band** who will be performing on Friday. He relocated to Monterey two years ago from Sacramento and is a graduate of Musicians Institute Of Technology in Hollywood. Moseley - "I like the scene here in Monterey. When I first got here I dove in head first and started playing. Someone told me this girl could sing Zeppelin and I'm a bit of a Zep freak. So I got together with Karma who had talent but was relatively inexperienced. In the last four months she has totally grown into as great performer." The twenty five year Karma moved to Monterey a couple of years ago from King City. If you're into the modern rock stuff you hear on 93.5 (Alanis, Meredith Brooks, Tracy Chapman, etc.) you'll dig The Karma Band. She and Moseley will be joined on Friday by the bottom end of the Human Doings (Kenny "the bottom" Pimentel on bass, and Steve "the slamdog" Pitts on the tubs). Now don't lose me here. Mike Shannon the drummer of Trial By Fire and bassist Pete Hoegemeier, formerly of The Tom Ayers Band and The Cubes, join

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er night – dress to DJ Alan Chase	Punk Rock night with DJ Ina – music of the 70's and 90's.	DJ Sparky all request - $2 domestic beer and well drinks all night.	DJ Greg Dean and The Bang- house music
ight Pool w/ ID	Happy Hour 4-7 $2.50 pints	1/2 off pool with THE SUN ad	Ladies Night ½ Price Pool
	"Blues Bait"	"Unshakable Race" - reggae	"Blue Tornados"
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ool d Beer – all day &	Monday night Football - 1/2 off Bud during game!	"Jazz Market" & big band dance lessons - 8-9pm 9-ball Pool Tourney – 7pm hosted by Joe Lucido	"Blue and Band" 9pm - 12am
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Starts at 4pm. /...DJ Matty's view.	Acoustic rock featuring Randy Baldwin & Friends - 9:30pm	"Mockingbird" unplugged - 9:30pm	Club Night featuring "Unpluggable Race" Win up to $500 cash.
ports Interactive	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	Karaoke Kafé with Richie D. 9pm	Grrrls Night Out with The Karma Band 9pm

Moseley and Karma every Wednesday for "Girls Night Out" at Whitey's. Moseley - "We encourage any ladies that want to perform to come on down. Don't be shy. You can perform with the house band, or solo, or bring your own accompaniment. Singers, guitarist, bass players, drummers, and dancers are all welcome to participate." Try mixing it up a little this weekend and gitty up on down to Whitey's. Both Friday and Saturday shows start at 9:30.

Saturday it's Dino Pulgarin and the gangs one-year anniversary since taking over Doc's Nightclub on Cannery Row. He's bringing in bluester **Johnny Nitro** to help celebrate the event. Also at Doc's, **Terry Hanck** will be doing the blues thing on Friday, and Monterey's own **Unshakable Race** (a world beat/reggae outfit) will be give you the upbeat this Tuesday. Tonight's reggae festivities will be provided by a Doc's favorite, **I-Groove**.

The City of Marina's Fall Music Series is kicking off this Saturday, September 13 at Vince DiMaggio Park on Del Monte Avenue. It's being billed as a "welcome back to school" event for students of California State University Monterey Bay. The concert will feature two of Monterey's finest original rock groups, **Vera** and **Foamscape** (featuring one of Monterey's most original guitarists and songwriters, Mac Talley). Good vittles kids. We all wanted the college to catalyze the further development of the arts on The Peninsula... well here it is cats. Both bands are featured on the Monterey Rock Scene compilation CD. The general public is welcome for this free event. A shuttle van will pick up students at the activities BLD. 9 (#44 6th Ave.) at 12:30 and 1:00 PM (return trips start at 3:30). Future bookings for the Marina Music Series include Red Beans and Rice on Sunday, September 28 and Lory Lynn with Western Edge and Tony Sheppard on Saturday, October 11. OUT.

The Karma Band - this Friday at Whitey's.

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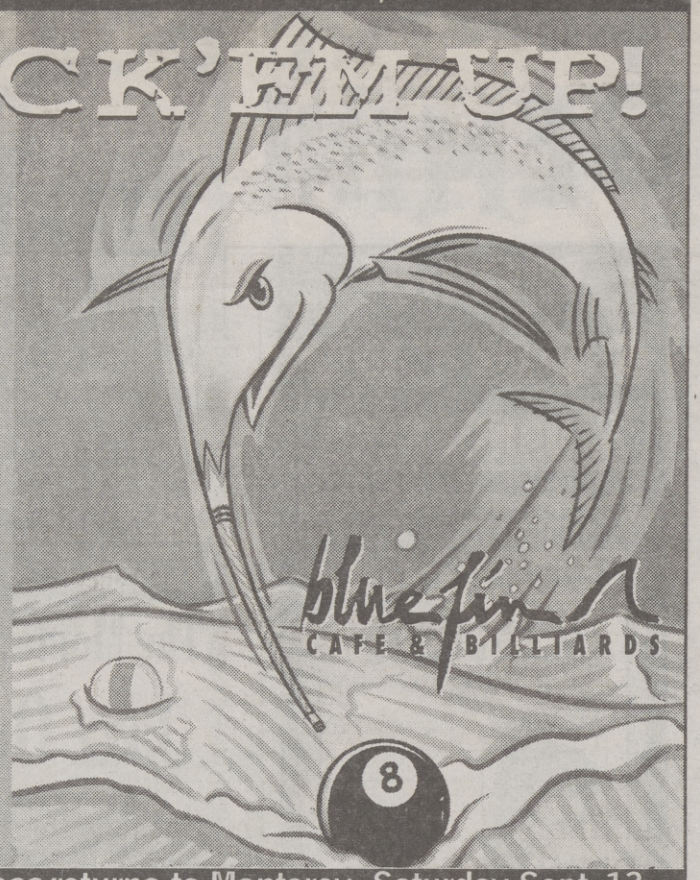

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September 11

Carmel Unified School District - Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7p.m. at Carmel Middle School's Library.

September 11-14

The Helcio Milito Trio play world-class Brazilian and American Jazz at the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay every Thursday-Sunday from 7-11pm. For more information call 647-7500.

September 11 - 28

The Western Stage Studio Theater at Hartnell College presents **"Song of Survival"** a drama about women interned in a Southeast Asian prison camp during WWII. Show times are Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm & 7pm. Tickets are $18 general, $16 for students and seniors, and $12 for Hartnell students. For box office call (408) 755-6816 or 375-2111.

September 11 - 30

The Carmel Art Association will show **Alicia Meheen** for the month of September. Meheen recently traveled to Switzerland and Northern Italy to sketch and paint. The association is open daily from 10a.m.-5p.m. on Dolores St. between 5th & 6th.

September 11 - 30

Central Coast Art Association present **Anita Kaplan** and **Richard Miller.** Kaplan shows her acrylic paintings at Pebble Beach Post Office Mon. through Friday 9am to 4:30pm. Miller's drawings and paintings are at The Sally Griffin Senior Center at 711 Jewell Ave. in Pacific Grove, weekdays noon to 5pm.

September 11 - October 18

"Captured in Color" a photographic exhibit by Gretchen Taylor. Eclectic subject matter and styles at Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 490 Aguajito Rd, Carmel. For hours call 626-7404.

September 13

The Jazz Store presents the **W&J Graham's Port Jazz Series.** Harmonica and sax player **Damien Mathison** plays a mix of jazz and world music. Show times start at 7:30p.m. and performers play two sets. Admission is $20 per person and students (under 18) 1/2 price. Some Concert admissions are higher. For reservations call 624-6432.

September 13

The City of Marina kicks off their Fall Music Series Saturday at the Vince DiMaggio Park on Del Monte Ave. featuring **Vera and Foamscape.** Concert takes place from 1 to 4pm. The general public is welcome to this free event!

September 13

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (corner of Forest & Central Avenues) is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit entitled Hawaii's Unique and Vanishing Flora. The exhibit consists of 110 cibachrome prints of primarily rare and endangered Hawaiian plants. Admission is free.

September 14

Carmel Valley Garden Association will be having a get acquainted potluck luncheon at the **Community Park on Carmel Valley Rd.** Sunday at noon. All interested persons are welcome. Call 626-4866 for more info.

September 14

Friends of Hidden Valley Twilight Concert Series featuring pianist **Randall Behr** 6 p.m. at Carmel Valley Community Park. For more information call 659-3115 No admission.

September 14

The Monterey Maritime Museum and **The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History** proudly announce a special event commemorating the 211th anniversary of Laperouse's arrival in Monterey. Limited space available, $10 per person, including a box lunch. Dr. Beidleman will give a free lecture at the Museum of Natural History at 2:15. For reservations call 899-5645 or 919-2469.

September 18

One of the strongest young talents around, pianist and singer **Diana Krall** will play at **The Jazz Store's W&J Graham's Port Jazz Series** Thursday night at 7:30pm. Admission is $20 per person and students (under 18) 1/2 price. (Some Concert admissions are higher). For reservations call 624-6432.

September 20

Annual Days of Wine and Roses, at Galante Vineyards, 10-4pm. Includes a walking tour of the Rose Gardens, a winery tour and tasting, an outdoor Mexican fiesta, luncheon, and music. Call **1-800 GALANTE** for reservations and more information.

September 20

Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated will hold its Annual Fund Raiser with Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction on Saturday at the **Monterey Elks Lodge.** Special guest speaker will be **James McCormick.** Cost is $30 per person. RSVP by Sept. 13. Call Chris at 372-9231.

September 22

Come support Switzerland Bound Marina Girl Scouts at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Marina. The Fund Raiser will take place from 5p.m until closing.

September 22

Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off at Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley to benefit the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 659-4000.

September 26 - 28

Artist's Studio Tour '97 kick-off reception at the **Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.** The Central Coast Chapter of Artists' Equity announces the **9th Annual Monterey County Artist's Studio Tour.** Open to the public from 7-9pm.

Saturday & Sunday the Artist Studio Tour for Monterey County continues. For '97 the Artist Studio Tour has 88 participating artists. Visitors are welcome between 11am and 6pm. Guide maps to the open studios will appear in the *Alta Vista Gallery* section of the *Herald* on Sun., Sept. 21.

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

Grits and Grolsoh

There are a lot of preconceived ideas about who can be a blues player. According to one theory, you have to be black, preferably southern or urban and come up poor. Another school of thought says you have to at least be southern, urban and poor, but it's okay if you're white as long as you sound black. Yet another group claims that if you are from California, Texas or Chicago, you can be white but you have to play a Stratocaster through a Fender amp. There are several other variants, including special rules for piano and harmonica players. Note that in all of these cases, it goes unsaid that you are, of course, from the US of A.

In a world where you have to have a permit or license or degree or certificate to do most everything, no one has gotten around to licensing blues players. Perhaps this omission will be dealt with later, at which point proof of birth within the continental US will probably be one of the requirements, but I hope not, because one of my favorite artists would be excluded.

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Hans Theesink (Tay-sink) is a blues player. He isn't black, didn't grow up poor and isn't even American. He's from Vienna, Austria and plays a weird and wonderful combination of acoustic and electric blues with a bumpy, danceable, happy feet, kind of feel. One of the best things about his band is his choice of a Tuba as bass instrument. It gives a totally different bottom to the music and as he said during a recent sound check, it's not an accompaniment instrument, so mix it right up with the voice and guitar. There are so many guitar, bass, keys and drums shuffle/blues bands, that anything with brass, that gets off of the square fours, sounds really fresh. Using the Tuba is straight out of the New Orleans tradition jazz heritage and it really works. Theesink, himself, plays slide, fingerstyle and picked guitars very well and his choices of tunes are quirky and entertaining, the sort of thing that you would pick if you enjoyed playing the blues but liked to have a happy time doing it....

Think of Taj Mahal meets Roy Rogers with a slight Teutonic accent and, of course, a Tuba.. grab a Grolsoh and give Hans Theesink a listen.

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YOUR FINANCES

Spare Change

By Barbra Alexander

The Ruble To Rubble & Back Again

When it comes to chanting the national coin, old habits die hard. To this day some French people in their sixties or older still add the two extra zeros that were officially lopped off the *ancien franc* currency in 1960.

The re-basing of the franc, just like the re-valuation of the Peso by Mexico, was intended to seal the government's resolve to put a cap on inflation. The Russian government's plan, announced by President Yeltsin in August, to chop three noughts off the ruble in 1998 has a similar aim.

The hope is that a new ruble will assist the Russian people to forget those foggy days, when their currency was decidedly more rubble than ruble. In 1992 annual inflation in Russia topped 1000%. In 1991 a dollar bought 22 rubles, today that exchange has gone to 5,800 rubles for each dollar. Frightening, isn't it, particularly if you're a Russian mother trying to feed a family of four.

Let me remind you that a few short months ago, inflation peppered the financial roller coaster car of our own Mr. Greenspan, Chairman of the FED. His acute agony over a 3% inflation report was assuaged only through an immediate, short-term rate hike of a quarter.

Any skeptic would argue that the re-denomination of the ruble probably means nothing in economic terms. At the least this method of changing the units in which money is counted, will save the Russians from those deadly, mathematical migraines. The 25,000-rublc bottle of vodka, for instance or the personal bank accounts in the billions and trillions should be a thing of the past. Also the need to carry fewer banknotes might persuade ordinary citizen to use their own currency rather than dollars for some large cash transactions. But that should just about cover the extent of the advantages.

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What matters is whether Russia really has inflation licked. As many Latin American countries have found in the past, chopping zeros and renaming currencies can prove to be little more than mistaken optimism. Such was the experience of the short lived Argentine austral, for instance. The austral was introduced in 1985 as part of a stabilization package and drowned in hyperinflation a short six years later. Brazil is another example of having to re-evaluate several times before it began to make enough of a difference, and again, Just like the Russian dilemma, inflation had to be brought out of the thousand percent bracket to much more manageable numbers in the two digits.

If the Russians can continue to keep inflation down, their makeover of the ruble should last much longer. Like the Poles, who erased four zeros from the zloty in 1995, the Russians have made their move after inflation has been brought down markedly, to 14.5% through June of this year and they hope to bring it to 11% by the end of this year.

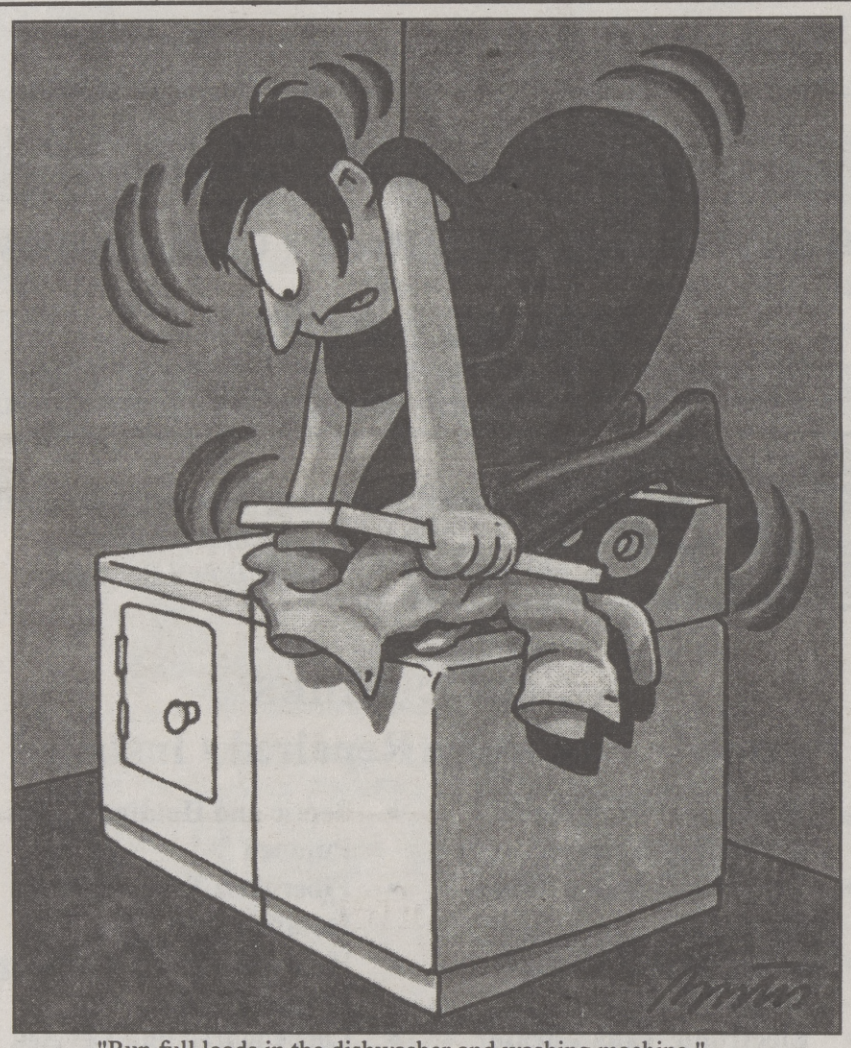
I have a great idea. Perhaps someone from our State Department could call the FED and arrange for a consulting fee for Greenspan to spend a few days each month with the Russians to help them create rock bottom inflation numbers. But we should get paid in dollars for this valuable service.

Of course now that Goldman Sachs is planning to reestablish a Moscow office this year, and Renaissance Capital, a high profile, western style investment bank has merged with the investment arm of Unexlmbank, Russia's biggest private bank, it's beginning to look a lot like Wall Street on the old Red Square. The person to head Renaissance is Boris Jordan, a 31 year old American of Russian descent, who got his training working at First Boston.

Should you be wondering why I have taken the time to relate all of this to you, let me explain it in two words. GLOBAL ECONOMY. It's here to stay, and as though you don't have enough to think about you should really spend some time becoming familiar with the international currencies and what their economics are based on as it relates to our dollar and our jobs.

Both the Russian authorities and foreign economists have growing confidence in the county's economic management. But unless this confidence is rewarded by the continuation of the policies that tamed inflation, the makeover of the ruble will show that zeroes, like wrinkles, have a nasty tendency to reappear. And we thought we had problems.

Barbra Alexander can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. hosting the MONEY HOTLINE on KSCO 1080 AM. You can reach Barbra directly for your Home Loan needs by calling 408 659-0682.



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THE ENVIRONMENT

Your World And Mine

By Araby Colton

BOBO

Hi there…

I'm Bobo… I'm a big German Shepherd dog, and if I do say so, handsome … and neutered.

I was rescued from a highway by Araby and Vic Colton... some people had taken me from my home, and then just dumped me. I ran up and down that road for two weeks, hoping my family would come for me ... and then Araby and Vic took me to be their dog.

For seven years I've been a very happy dog. We lived in the hills of Carmel Valley, where I had ten wild acres for myself. I never left the place ... I knew my territory even without fences.

I've had Lady, a Beagle, and three cats to live with. I loved them all. I'm considered very sweet tempered. I let strangers pet me, though I don't "make over" them, as the saying goes.

When I first came to Araby and Vic I felt shy... and I stayed in a corner of a little fenced yard for about two weeks before I decided to let Araby be my friend.

Now my family has had to sell their house, and move to an apartment that doesn't allow big dogs, so Araby is trying to find me a new home... where I can be the personal dog of someone who will love and respect me.

I'm so big, I like to have room to run around in... but, of course, until I really knew I was in a new home, my own home, I would probably have to be "cooped up," for a while ... which I wouldn't mind if the people really loved me ... I need lots of affection, I guess.

Araby is kind of a wolf expert. She was the President of Canadian and American Wolf Defenders ... and she thinks that I may have some wolf in me ... she says my big feet, and my beautiful fluffy tail that I sometimes carry over my back, and my slanty eyes, are wolf traits.

And once, when she gave me a big bone to chew, and after I had chewed on it for a while I took it to Lady, and gave it to her... Araby said that's wolf ... they share.

If just the right home doesn't turn up I think Araby is going to have me "put to sleep," (whatever that means.) She says she can't bear the thought that I might be unhappy, or not loved, or get lost.

Araby named me Bobo for the half-wolf, half-dog that the famous naturalist, Sally Carrighar, had in Alaska.

I hope the right person, who will really want me, comes along. I love Araby and Vic dearly, but I could learn to love someone else, Have a nice day.

Yours truly,
Bobo

THE LAW

The Legal Corner

By Barry Harrow

Abortion and the Constitution - Part 4

My continuing caveat is that I do not intend to take a position one way or the other on abortion in the course of these articles. I offer them to you for informational purposes only on the theory that more information is better than less and more discussion is better than less.

To summarize, I am writing about the case known as Griswold v. Connecticut, which was decided on June 7, 1965 and involved a Connecticut statute that was being enforced regarding contraceptives. It stated that "Any person who uses any drug, medicinal article or instrument for the purpose of preventing conception shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or imprisoned not less than sixty days nor more than one year or be both fined and imprisoned."

What does the Constitution and the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the Constitution) have to do with "intimate relations"?

The Supreme Court stated that the law "operates directly on an intimate relation of husband and wife and their physician's role in one aspect of that relation." Last week, I wrote about the penumbras of the Bill of Rights, which are areas of protection that the Supreme Court has determined to exist as a necessity in order to protect the rights expressly stated in the Bill of Rights. The Court determined that "Privacy" is one of those rights. Although it is not mentioned in the four amendments quoted above, the Supreme Court has found "zones of privacy" from the specific guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights.

With respect to the concept of a zone of privacy, the Court stated that "[t]he right of association contained in the penumbra of the First Amendment is one, as we have seen. The Third Amendment in its prohibition against the quartering of soldiers 'in any house' in time of peace without the consent of the owner is another facet of that privacy. The Fourth Amendment explicitly affirms the "right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures.' The Fifth amendment in its Self-Incrimination Clause enables the citizen to create a zone of privacy which government may not force him to surrender to his detriment. The Ninth Amendment provides: 'The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.'

In essence, the Court looked at the language written in the late 1700's, looked at the historical development of our society and the social relationships contained therein for the purpose of determining how the language of the late 1700's should apply to "modern" times.

"The Fourth and Fifth Amendments were described . . . as protection against all governmental invasions 'of the sanctity of a man's home and the privacies of life.' We recently referred . . to the Fourth Amendment as creating a 'right of privacy, no less important than any other right carefully and particularly reserved to the people.'"

"We have had many controversies over these penumbral rights of 'privacy and repose'. These cases bear witness that the right of privacy which presses for recognition here is a legitimate one."

Having laid the groundwork for the decision, the Court turned its attention to the Connecticut statute that sought to forbid the use of a contraceptive device.

"The present case, then, concerns a relationship lying within the zone of privacy created by several fundamental constitutional guarantees. And it concerns a law which, in forbidding the use of contraceptives rather than regulating their manufacture or sale, seeks to achieve its goals by means having a maximum destructive impact upon that relationship. Such a law cannot stand in light of the familiar principle, so often applied by this Court, that a 'governmental purpose to control or prevent activities constitutionally subject to state regulation may not be achieved by means which sweep unnecessarily broadly and there invade the area of protected freedoms.' Would we allow the police to search the sacred precincts of marital bedrooms for telltale signs of the use of contraceptives? The very idea is repulsive to the notions of privacy surrounding the marriage relationship."

In its closing remarks, the Court explained the importance of the institution of marriage. "We deal with a right of privacy older than the Bill of Rights - older than our political parties, older than our school system. Marriage is a coming together for better or for worse, hopefully enduring, and intimate to the degree of being sacred. It is an association that promotes a way of life, not causes; a harmony in living, not political faiths; a bilateral loyalty, not commercial or social projects. Yet it is an association for as noble a purpose as any involved in our prior decisions."

Next week we will start looking at how the Court's decision in Griswold vs. Connecticut set the stage in an important way for the decision seven years later in Roe vs. Wade.

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Please submit your questions for consideration to The Legal Corner, c/o Barry Harrow, P.O. Drawer 226, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

SPORTS

Sports Raw

By Mike Hohler

Trouble in 49er Land

My oh my...it looks like there may be some trouble brewing in 49er land. San Francisco's favorite team (it should be the Giants) lost their opening game in Tampa Bay of all places and didn't look very good in doing so. Steve Young suffered his umpteenth concussion and will be sidelined for this week's game in St. Louis. But what is worse, much worse, is the injury to wide receiver Jerry Rice. The 49ers leader on and off the field suffered a horrible knee injury. This is really the first time in his career that Rice has been injured. But what makes the injury so bad is that it will keep him off of the field for the rest of the season. That's it. He's gone. No Jerry Rice for 1997. Now, as a 49er hater, I say good. San Francisco is going to really suck this year. But, as a football fan, I have the utmost respect for Jerry Rice and think he is a class act. This injury is more than a week-long ankle sprain. It is a serious career threatening injury and I wouldn't wish something like this on my most hated rival. The National Football League is losing a great player for the year. And the 49ers are suffering a major blow to their season. The ever-popular combination of Young-to-Rice will not hook up this season. Think of how many touchdowns that the two of them connect on each season. That's a lot of points that the 49ers will not be scoring this year. And it has already showed: in their game in Tampa Bay, San Francisco only scored six points. It is the first time in an eternity that the 49ers have not scored a touchdown in a whole game. We'll see how they do in St. Louis this week...of course, that game will be long over by the time you read this. Honestly, I think San Francisco will beat the Rams. Jim Druckenmiller, the 49ers first pick in the draft, will start at quarterback. He is very young and very inexperienced but I have a feeling that he will do fine. Young will be back for the 49ers next game but I feel that Druckenmiller will fill in quite nicely.

And by the way, how about those Tennessee Oilers? They beat the Raiders 24-21 in overtime in what I thought was the best game of the week in the N.F.L. Eddie George ran for 216 yards and nearly single-handedly beat Oakland...this week for the Oilers: A tough game in Miami. Look for Tennessee to fall to 1-1.

In a quick final note, the winter season for the Monterey Lanes Junior Bowlers will get underway this Saturday, September 13th. If you want to sign your son or daughter up, be at Monterey Lanes on Fremont Blvd. across the street from Longs at 9:00 am on Saturday morning. Equipment will be provided. All you need to bring is your child, and make sure he or she wants to learn and have a good time.

E-Mail me your predictions at BgDadKool@aol.com.

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VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

By Joseph Hertlein

Tot Lot Renovation

The Tot Lot renovation is scheduled to begin Monday, September 29th. All new playground equipment has been ordered. The old wood, leaning retaining wall will be replaced as will the broken irregular concrete patio. The contractors and volunteers are ready to go. We truly live in a community that gives so much of its time, concern and effort. In addition to these changes, a new feature has been added to secure the final funds needed.

A HANDPRINT TILE MURAL will be created to enhance the new retaining wall facing the pool. You won't want to miss this opportunity to have your children's or grandchildren's handprints forever imprinted in tiles.

Local ceramic artist Diane Swift will be helping with this project and has graciously offered her Farm Center studio for the imprinting. At a reasonable price of $75 per tile, you can help the Community Youth Center complete its fund-raising efforts for the Tot Lot. Two dates have been chosen for the actual imprinting of the tiles. Mark your calendars for either Nov. 9 or Dec 6; 9 am to 4pm. Further information and a reservation form will be sent out via schools and the mail. There will be a limited number of tiles sold, so you'll want to make your reservation early.

The Tot Lot will be closed starting 9/28 and will remain closed for 4-6 weeks so the renovation can be completed. The Youth Center regrets the inconvenience this may cause residents and visitors who use it regularly. However, it will be worth the wait. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call the Community Youth Center at 659-3983.

OLIVER

There are only eight more performances of this spectacular musical playing at the Forest Theatre before the final performance on Sunday September 21st. If you have not yet seen it, you must. It is outstanding. There are quite a few Valley Kids performing in it. What a wonderful way to support our youth and in the process have a most entertaining time by going to see one of the final productions of Oliver.

More Ranchers' Days Coverage

Speaking of supporting our youth, at Ranchers' Days this year food and soda sales benefited the Carmel High School Athletic Boosters. What was particularly notable about this year's effort was a new concept that Michael Milligan helped initiate which was "All for 1, and 1 for All." Rather than just have the football or any one team do it, by having many teams involved, all teams would benefit and the youth participating would be eligible for receiving community service hours.

Concert In The Park

This Sunday at 6pm will be the third and final concert in a series of Music in the Park sponsored by the Friends of Hidden Valley. Taking place in the Community Park at the Gazebo, the featured guest artist will be Jonathan Feldman, Pianist. The first two concerts were terrific, the San Francisco Boys Chorus and Keith Underwood, Flutist. This last concert will be equally virtuoso and should not be missed. Bring friends, a picnic supper, enjoy the weather and wonderful music.

A Party In Heaven - A tribute to my Aunt

Within a few days of each other, three extraordinary ladies died. There must be one special party in heaven to welcome them. All of these ladies shared in common a tremendous capacity to love others and to make this world a far better place. Each of them showed us that a selfless commitment to helping others was truly a better way to live. They each showed that a single person can make a BIG difference.

The last to be called and certainly the one to make the biggest difference was Mother Teresa. Winner of the Nobel Peace prize, and perhaps woman of the Century, Mother Teresa was an example to the entire world of selfless caring for the least of our brethren. If she could do what she did, surly each of us has a lot more to do, in doing our share of helping to care for others. To help not those we know, or the rich and famous; but rather to help the very poorest. To do so for the good of helping, not expecting a thank-you nor recognition.

A few days prior, Princess Diana was tragically killed in a senseless accident. She was truly a princess of the people. For after her Cinderella story ended not happy, she came back to recommit herself to use her popularity to help those with AIDS and victims of land mines. While the money raised was important, so was the time and energy she gave to these causes. By her example, others have and will step forward to help.

The third lady was not widely known, yet none-the-less to those who knew her, she was a magnanimous example of how one person can make a big difference. Her name was Virginia Brazeau. She did not live in Carmel Valley, although she visited a number of times. She leaves behind a legacy that touches many in her native Wisconsin where she lived all her life and a few of us Valley residents who were blest to know her there and welcome her here.

She lived her life graciously, in generosity, and with a genuine caring for others. Completely devoted to her husband and two daughters, she overcame the tragedy of his early death to become a successful business woman in her own way. Her success in business was not based, nor measured on the bottom line. Rather, it was based on the caring for her employees and for what she gave back to the community.

She gave generously to the local library, hospital, Arts Council, schools, church. She endowed the start-up of the local Community Foundation and the good works that it will do for generations to come. She did it all, not for recognition; but to truly help make for a better community. Yet in knowing her, it is not the public giving that is so outstanding; it is the giving of herself that is the lasting legacy.

She always had a kind word, a warm smile, a greeting of welcome that made you want to be there with her and no where else in the world. She was genuine and sincere because her strength of character came from an abiding faith.

I share these thoughts about her with you because any community that is blest to have someone like here in their midst is a great community. While it is not easy to live up to the example she set, trying to do so undoubtedly will help make a community kinder, more generous, and a loving place for everyone.

Fortunately for Carmel Valley, there are many people like my Aunt Virginia right here in our midst. I'm not sure they would appreciate my mentioning them now. They know who they are. In time, I hope more of us can live up to the example you set. For as you special people demonstrate, just as these three extraordinary ladies did, each of us, one person, can make a big difference. Maybe not in a global way, however, for sure in a local way. The strength of the world depends upon the strength of each community. Each of these ladies did not set out to change the world. They did set out to smilingly touch the life of one other person, and another, and another. And one by one, the numbers became too great to count.

In her local column Bay Window, Sharon Randall ended her column on Diana with, "Rest in peace, Diana. Our prayers will guard your boys. That sentiment was reflected in a quotation which my Aunt received when her husband died and was found in her Bible. She lived her life by it and so can we.

"If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others sore undone, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake, turn again to life, and smile,
Nerving the heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you."

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August 18

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Carmel Valley: A person reported juveniles damaged plants and walkways with their skateboards, in a new unoccupied office complex. Estimated loss $250.

Carmel: Carmel Middle School principal reported that a digital scale had been taken from a science room. There are no suspects and the value of the scale was $900.

August 19

Carmel Valley: A caller reported loud voices in the area of St. Dunstans Church. A group of people were making noise while in a hot tub in the area. Parties disbursed.

Carmel Valley: An 11 year-old juvenile burglarized his neighbors home taking two hot cocoa packets.

Carmel at Albertsons: A 21 year-old man was arrested for 647 (F) P.C., Drunk in Public. He was in Albertsons attempting to buy a bottle of vodka. When they refused to sell him the vodka, due to his high level of intoxication, he became loud and disruptive. He had a bloodshot and glassy eyes. He was booked into the Monterey County Jail.

Carmel: A man from Missouri, reported the theft of $2,000 in American Express travelers checks. He believes the theft occurred while staying at the Carmel Mission Inn.

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How about those Dam Alternatives?

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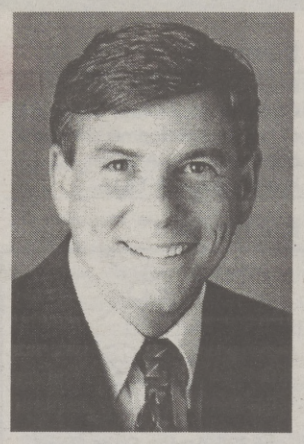

Closer Look Required

Darby Fuerst - MPWMD General Manager

In response to your invitation to submit comments about an evaluation of water supply alternatives in David Dilworth's article, "Damed [sic] if you do, damed if you don't", published in The Sun on May 1, 1997, it should be noted that there are several flaws in the alternatives table presented.

For example, the table incorrectly equates long-term water yield (how much water is reliably produced by a facility such as a desalination plant) with increases in surface water storage (due to dredging existing reservoirs) and water saved due to conservation. Because conservation savings vary with weather, and the small amounts of water storage in existing reservoirs (even if fully dredged) are quickly used up in a multi-year drought, these elements cannot be characterized as providing reliable water yield in the same way as a water production facility. Thus, it is not accurate to add all these factors together.

Assertions such as the belief that Fort Ord water rights could be easily sold to the Peninsula for "zero or low" cost are not substantiated. In some cases, highly complex issues are over-simplified, leading to numbers in the table that are questionable.

Updated information about the set of alternatives suggested in the article will be included in the Supplemental EIR for the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project proposed by Cal-Am. The EIR Supplement is being prepared by Jones & Stokes Associates of Sacramento, and should be completed by the end of the year. It is expected that special workshop(s) on alternatives issues will be held by the Water Management District before then. It is likely that the California Public Utilities Commission will also address the alternatives issue in its separate approval process.

In seeking to address our community water supply problems, it is vital that the public have the facts about water supply alternatives. This is one purpose of the EIR Supplement. Persons interested in learning more about local water supply issues are welcome to contact the Water District at 649-4866.

The Dam Alternatives Subterfuge

Bob McKenzie - Monterey

I am sorry The Sun decided to run David Dilworth's specious "dam alternatives" article again. Mr. Dilworth's set of "alternatives" is replete with nonsense; his oft-repeated demand to review his or other "alternatives" is just a part of his strategy to prevent any solution to our water problem.

It would be amusing to examine each "alternative"; for instance, lowering system water pressure from 80 pounds per square inch to 60 "creates" 1500 acre feet of water annually. Why not extend this "alternative?" Dropping the pressure to zero would "create" 6,000 acre feet annually, almost enough to solve our water problem as Dilworth defines it. At zero pressure no one could get any water at all, but what does Mr. Dilworth care? Or "buying Ft. Ord water rights?" Even if they were for sale (they're not) the water can't be moved legally from its basin to ours.

But why bother reviewing his list - his entire effort is a subterfuge and your readers should not be fooled into thinking the "Dilworth Dam Alternatives" is a serious effort to solve our water problem.

Mr. Dilworth condemns all growth (no matter that it might be a bathroom addition or a retirement home on a lot owned for years) as a cancer (letter to The Sun, August 7). In his own newsletter (Peninsula Environmental News #9, 3/25/97) Mr. Dilworth writes: "Since local governments refuse to restrict Peninsula growth, the only way (to) do so is by controlling the use of water."

There we have the essence of Mr. Dilworth in his own words. He wants to dictate a gardenless, showerless, thirsty future for us all. It's time to reject Mr. Dilworth's repugnant politics of resource manipulation; it's time to solve our water problem.

Article Misleading Nancy Isakson - Carmel

The David Dilworth May 1, 1997 "Dam Alternative" article is replete with misstatements and half-truths. It is very misleading to those who truly do not know or understand that which Mr. Dilworth purports to address. It is unfortunate that the Sun has chosen to provide an appearance of credibility to this article by reprinting it.

However, I do thank The Sun for encouraging other comments to be included.

As an affronted community individual and layperson, as well as an individual who has personally followed the Peninsula's water problems for the last 12 years, I have analyzed Mr. Dilworth's list of alternatives. For the most part they are infeasible and very costly - far more costly than the proposed Desal project which was supposedly rejected by the voters because of costs.

Perhaps a Dam on the Carmel River is not feasible and should not be considered further. However, until alternatives can be presented which will clearly meet the criteria and objectives of a secure, reliable water supply for the Peninsula, including the environmental needs, we may not have other choices.

I believe support and consensus for a project that will provide a solution to our water problems can be obtained if the public is provided with the correct information. I look forward to the Sun facilitating this process.

More Money For Study Of Alternatives

Charity Crane - Cachagua

Cal Am water company and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, (MPWMD) are carrying on business as usual with all their joint energies directed at justifying an environmentally destructive, obsolete before it's built dam. In spite of the 1995 vote. In spite of the harm it will cause the residents of the construction route through the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley.

The pro-dam development representatives accuse those of us opposed of delaying tactics to prevent any growth. They ignore potential loss of life, livelihood and environmental destruction inherent in a project of this type in a heavily populated area.

Water rates will soar if the Public Utilities Commission grants Cal-Am the rate raise they request to cover the cost of the dam. A peddler for Cal Am's parent company brags in a stock prospectus "water is the only true monopoly," and promises investors a 12% return on their stock. On stolen water?

The MPWMD probably in the dark of midnight voted in rule 25.7 which allows developers to retrofit government buildings and take the water saving to be used for new development. They say there is no financial incentive for anyone to do this without the water credit. Instead I believe Cal-Am should do this retrofit at their own cost (with no rate increase) and the water saved should be applied to the illegal overdraft of the Carmel River basin which has benefited their stock holders for two decades while robbing the public trust. The water they have taken illegally (stolen?) has damaged the ecology of the Carmel River basin, depleted the Steelhead population, and the rate payers are now going to pay the cost through higher water bills to pay for a dam that was soundly voted down less than two years ago.

Of the approximately $400,000 the MPWMD has generously allocated for a repaired EIR on the dam, a minuscule $1,900. has been allotted to study alternatives!

When the tourist industry falls because this area is no longer a beautiful place to visit, traffic is too heavy, or the 4+ years of construction traffic for a dam is too dangerous and unpleasant maybe some of the voices yapping for a dam will be stunned into stillness. Perhaps if environmental protection is seen to enhance their bank accounts they will change their positions. But too late, how do you unpave, uncontaminate, restore extinct species, rebuild ancient sacred sites?

Those of us who understand why people come here to get away from cities on their vacations must fight to make the MPWMD look at a combination of alternatives to a dam. We must insist on the same enthusiasm and use of ratepayers funds as they have expended over the past 4 years pursuing a dam.

Desal plants don't depend on rainfall or fail in earthquakes nor will they flood property downstream. Retrofit will work to provide water for developers but not anything else? This appears to be the position of MPWMD staff members. Every alternative suggested is approached with a negative attitude by Cam-Am and MPWMD staff. Desal could be on line producing water in two years. A dain may take a decade or more if it is ever built at all!

Come on MPWMD, go to work for the residents of the water district and quit pandering to the big money developers! Rescind your lousy rule 25.7 and make Cal-Am start obeying the State Water Resources Control Board order to cut back water use. Perhaps stockholders in American Water Works would pay attention to Cal-Am's illegal operations if it hit their pocket books instead of ours.

Enough Already

Don Boston - Pacific Grove

Sophomoric is defined in Webster's Collegiate as "conceited and overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature". David Dilworth's agonizingly inadequate valuation of combining his menu of water supply alternatives is, in plain language, sophomoric. Following his methodology, if one were to need money for example, one would just go to a bank and take some. The fact that the money doesn't belong to you, that the bank doesn't want to give you the money, that taking the money is against the law, that you could be punished, that the money is important to the well-being of its true owner, that the bank doesn't have as much as you want, all mean little when measured by the illogical, insufficient machinations of a Mr. D. mind. He'd just take the money.

Mr. D. is not interested in solutions to our water supply problem. He is interested in stopping all access to any water resource that would provide a stable and viable economic solution to water supply because he is an activist against growth of any kind. His mantle of environmentalism is all consuming. He cares not for the human condition, either the need for water as a life-sustaining requirement or as an economic necessity. But he does get people's attention because he sounds so reasonable.

As one who has followed the Peninsula's water wars since 1976, it is always interesting to see late-comers enter the fray absent any historical knowledge and begin to offer, even demand, that their solutions to the problem be given priority. Or, as in the case of Mr. D. and others, work hard to sabotage every good and reasoned effort to solve the long term problem because of their zealous commitment to "protect and preserve" at all costs.

The PUC, through community workshops, now has 75 alternatives under review again. They are the same alternatives that the community has repeatedly discussed and reviewed ad-nauseam for the past 20 years. A dam and reservoir on the Carmel River is the correct and necessary alternative for the community to pursue. All of the others are insufficient, uneconomic, and insensitive to the river environment.

If Mr. D. were to present his thesis fairly he would disclose the cost of each little alternative gem as well as a realistic timetable for completing all of the steps necessary to get them ready for community use. If time and cost were disclosed fully, it would be abundantly clear that the alternatives he proposes are not viable and the true purpose of his dialogue and proposition is to delay action. But you all realize that was his true purpose, don't you? We must agree to stop paying attention to purveyors of obfuscation like our Mr. D. so that we can get on with solving the problem.